

Introduction **LIFE IN CHRIST**

April 10, 2016

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- This letter is to **ALL** the faithful "**IN CHRIST JESUS**."
- This letter is thoroughly **TRINITARIAN**.

BUT DID YOU SEE THE PRACTICAL TRUTHS? • IN CHRIST BRINGS IDENTITY, PURPOSE, RELATIONSHIP!

Some Exciting Doctrine (3-14)

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HOLINESS, BLAMELESSNESS, ADOPTION, REDEMPTION, FORGIVENESS • BECAUSE IT'S TRUE OF HIM
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TO UNIFY ALL THINGS UNDER CHRIST • BALANCE TO THE FORCE? • PURPOSE AND RELATIONSHIP
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HOW DID WE BECOME "IN CHRIST" • WERE WE CHOSEN? DID WE CHOSE? YES!

An Encouraging Prayer (15-23)

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- Every Christian needs to know their **GLORIOUS** future.
- Every Christian needs to know their **PRESENT POWER**.
- Every Christian needs to know the **BODY**.

Take it Home

If you are in Christ, then
what's **TRUE** of **HIM** is **TRUE** of **YOU**.
AT LEAST PARTIALLY!

If you are in Christ, then you are **LINKED** with
EVERY OTHER PERSON who is in Christ.
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